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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



New Dine-Dance-Concert Evenings Prove Increasingly Popular

The idea of Dining-Dancing plus entertainment in the 4th-floor Dining Room was a great success. Picture shows the gay crowd enjoying the Dine-Dance-Concert evening in July.



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KEEPING POSTED

MANY members took the opportunity of congratulating Bill Dawes, who offered the traditional hospitality on the first floor to celebrate the amazing feat of his gelding, Belmont Park. Bill Dawes' horse created what is believed to be a record for Sydney—winning two races running, at Rosehill on July 31st, in the short space of 34 minutes! Belmont Park was saddled up for the Auburn Stakes by Maurice McCarten, and came home at two-to-one by short half-head from Oxley in a punishing finish. Undeterred by that performance over a mile and a quarter, the gelding started in the following race, the Welter Handicap, and held off a strong challenge by the favourite, Half Past, to win by a length and a quarter. The plan to contest both races was Bill's, but he had not expected that the programme would put the two events consecutively. Starting a horse in two races running is rare enough in Sydney, but to win both is believed to be an all-time record.

NOTICE

Members are notified that no restriction will be placed on the number of visitors members may introduce to the Club.

M. D. J. Dawson,
Secretary.

THE Chairman and Committee took the opportunity on Tuesday 17th August, to entertain a large group of recently-elected members at cocktails. The Chairman, Mr. John Hickey, addressed the company briefly and wittily on the privileges and duties of membership.

THE exhibition of billiards, snooker and tricks "shots" by Watler Lindrum, who has lost none of his amazing skill, was greatly appreciated and warmly applauded by the large audience of members and their wives and friends on 17th August. Altogether, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening — a grand inauguration for the newcomers, and a memorable experience for the older members.

ONE of the best excuses for celebrating with friends—if an excuse is really needed—is a birthday. Best, of course, is one's own birthday, but the birthdays of sons and daughters are also useful. Now comes an excellent reminder that grandchildren's birthdays are also very pleasant reasons for a get-together—John Coady, at the end of July, had a hospitable session with his friends to mark the fourth natal day of his grandson Richard.

A NOTHER birthday celebrant who enjoyed a particularly congenial assembly with a number of friends was Jack Dexter —make a note of the date, July 31st, for next year!

QUITE a few members off on extended travels: To Japan on a quick trip—strictly business is E. E. Bristow. And to U.S.A., Dr. W. J. McCrystal. Another to U.S.A.—Norman Schurek.

EDITORIAL: Let's Have A Night Out

Clubs are what members make them.

The friendly club, the influential club, the prosperous club, and so forth, are founded and developed on the worth of the people within their walls.

Tattersall's Club has promoted the family atmosphere in close association of members, their wives and the younger folk. The committee plans constantly along those lines, believing that, not only should members meet each other, but families should meet families.

So it is that dancing and concert nights will be a feature of social events each month.

The committee has been in the past concerned chiefly with regular — which is to say, daily — attendances of members. Now the emphasis is on having them bring along their families on special occasions. This plan depends for success on the co-operation of members. It should be a winner.

On these dancing and concert nights first-class dinners and suppers are available.

A night out in your own club offers a break at a cost comparable, on a value-for-money basis, with anything offering elsewhere, plus the inducement of being among friends you know.

ENJOYING FIRST DINE-DANCE CONCERT

Happy Birthday to You!

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 P. E. Smith | 17 S. E. Chatterton |
| R. P. Miller | H. V. S. Kirby |
| 2 P. M. King | Ronald Payne |
| W. H. Bentley | 18 W. J. P. Dow- |
| R. Westfield | sett |
| R. H. Taylor | 20 Dr. K. J. Byers |
| G. R. Hewson | C. H. Dodds |
| Dr. H. C. Barry | W. J. Aitken- |
| 3 N. V. Browne | head |
| L. F. Thorpe | 21 Mark Barnett |
| H. F. Watson | T. R. Robson |
| Elliott Randall | 22 John Hickie |
| D. Macpherson | E. F. Krieger |
| 4 W. G. Hutchinson | A. S. Price |
| son | R. C. Harris |
| 5 S. M. Norton | 23 Rex Culen- |
| L. A. Silk | Ward |
| 6 W. C. Adams | C. Y. Varley |
| D. G. Collins | Dr. C. M. |
| Dr. L. E. Mc- | Guiney |
| Dermott | 24 Sir Samuel Hor- |
| 7 R. A. Dunstan | dern |
| N. B. Frisk | N. H. H. El- |
| 8 J. J. Crennan | lison |
| H. T. Alce | J. E. Phelps |
| A. Adamson | A. H. Mc- |
| A. A. McDonald | Naughton |
| 9 Senator Neil | J. M. Forsyth |
| McKenna | 25 R. L. Mont- |
| J. C. Clarke | gomery |
| His Hon. Mr. | K. F. Williams |
| Just. Richards | T. J. Barrell |
| 10 Alf Moss | David Abbott |
| R. R. Paxton | 26 W. Longworth |
| D. C. Mitton | P. Pilcher |
| A. H. Garratt | C. H. Oswald- |
| 11 E. C. Harnett | Sealey |
| 12 N. V. Coxon | R. C. Reed |
| Rolf Hansen | A. L. Stack |
| Chas. Smith | 27 J. S. Irwin |
| 13 A. O. Romano | S. Stein |
| L. A. Cunich | F. A. McCure |
| 14 W. K. Sherman | 28 E. A. Nettle- |
| F. Gawler | fold |
| S. N. West | F. J. Geddes |
| W. Diffort | J. R. Strong |
| C. H. D. Scou- | T. A. Field |
| gall | Eric Siddins |
| F. Economus | 29 G. J. Tupling |
| Bert M. Clark | R. E. Fortescue |
| E. A. O'Halloran | Walter Jones |
| 16 A. L. King | 30 H. D. McRae |
| L. Hasemer | W. H. Sellen |
| E. M. Adnam | G. D. Banks |
| S. G. Mont- | W. J. Cheeseman |
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OCTOBER

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| 1 W. H. McLach- | B. Trimmell- |
| lan | Ritchard |
| R. F. Smith | 11 A. D. Epstein |
| 2 Dr. H. M. Owen | 12 Frank Selkirk |
| W. Ross Alex- | J. H. Holman |
| ander | 14 H. Townend |
| J. G. Hurley | A. Leslie Cooper |
| 3 D. J. Benjamin | E. L. Paul |
| P. Flitcroft | 16 F. E. Shepherd, |
| 4 L. C. Wicks | Jnr |
| M. G. Lawton | E. W. Vandenberg |
| K. J. Patrick | 17 S. Norman |
| 5 F. P. Robinson | H. C. Henderson |
| J. E. Wilson | 18 G. M. Burden |
| W. A. Rodger | Allan Turner |
| E. Linton | 19 J. W. Drewette |
| 6 Mr. Justice | 20 E. J. Millar |
| Toose | J. F. Kirkpatrick |
| W. G. Harris | 21 E. R. Deveridge |
| 7 Dr. J. E. Goldie | W. K. Fagan |
| S. Isaacs | J. W. Melville |
| 8 Dr. R. Mackey | 22 H. J. Hendy |
| I. M. Buchanan | 23 F. H. Hunting- |
| N. H. Joseph | ton |
| R. G. Gregory | 24 L. O. H. Wil- |
| 9 S. S. Crick | liams |
| J. T. Travers | D. S. Orton |
| 10 S. R. Lamond | |
| J. C. Glass | |



Mr. and Mrs. John Roles with party, at the dine-dance-concert evening on July 31st. The Treasurer obviously enjoyed himself — firstly because he was having a good time, and secondly because the function was eminently successful.

MANY members took the opportunity quietly to shake the hand of Alf Collins, and to offer their very sincere sympathy, when the news went around early in August that Mrs. Collins had passed away. Mrs. Collins had not been in the Club recently, although a familiar guest in previous years, as her health had been causing some concern, but the bereavement was sudden and unexpected.

WE see many of our country members far too rarely; particularly pleased to be able to greet Jack Molloy in the Club, down from Narrandera for a few days recently.

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| J. J. O'Shan- | 27 Dr. N. S. Al- |
| nassy | saker |
| 25 W. K. A. | C. H. Fischer |
| Schaufelberger | 28 F. C. Hidden |
| W. R. Chalmers | A. Dobson |
| 26 S. D. C. Ken- | 29 G. B. Bowser |
| nedy | G. Carlos |
| B. E. Schaaf | R. G. Spencer |
| Joseph Glass | 30 D. G. Cohen |
| J. A. Flitcroft | 31 D. J. Robertson |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

A *NOTHER member off on an extended overseas trip—and in a hurry, too: Bill Stack.*

NEARLY away from the Sick List are P. E. Smith and J. A. Stevenson, both out of hospital now, and reported to be progressing well. But W. P. Kerridge and Frank Tinworth are both reported "off colour."

TWO proud gentlemen in the Club during August were Peter Houston and his father, A. E. Houston. The reason — a brand new baby in the family.

CLUB members had the opportunity once again to view the N.S.W. State Amateur Billiards and Snooker Championships. The Club Room was the venue, and members took advantage of the opportunity and enjoyed many good and exciting games. Congratulations to winners R. Wright (Billiards) and E. F. Charlton (Snooker).

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THE best of congratulations to Len Plasto, elected unopposed President of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association. He takes over a post that has, these days, almost as many brick-bats as bouquets; from Mr. N. H. Connolly. We hope that Len holds the post at least as long as Mr. Connolly—26 years.

BACK in the Club again, full of interesting stories of his long trip, is R. R. Coote—gradually recovering from the warm welcome he found waiting here for him.

HOMER JONES, taken ill early in the month, had a spell in War Memorial Hospital; but is now progressing well, and hopes soon to be with us again.

REPORTS of L. Scott-Ehrenberg as in hospital, and out of hospital doing well, came quickly one after the other. So his stay must have been brief — and here's hoping that he will soon be off the sick list.

PLEASING to see past-Chairman Arthur Ingham about again, and in the Club once more. For the benefit of newer members: Arthur Ingham was Chairman in 1931-32, following the retirement of Mr. James Barnes.

NEWS of Tom Cook, who has been far from well the last ten weeks or so. He is improving slowly, hopes soon to be back in his place on the First Floor. A welcome is being prepared!



HARRY AND MRS. LESNIE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Dine-Dance-Concert in the Club on 31st July fell most happily for Harry Lesnie and his wife — it was their wedding anniversary. What happier celebration could you wish for — a happy anniversary, surrounded by friends, and in the friendly atmosphere of your own Club?

DANCING and CONCERT NIGHT

**Dining Room, Saturday,
25th September, 1954**

Commencing 6 p.m.

Cover Charge, 5/- per person

Reservations may be made at Club Office.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S to Mannie Lyons on winning the Grand Snooker Tournament; congratulations to Ken Ranger on winning the Billiards! Fuller report on Page 7. The trophies will be presented at a Smoke Concert down for Tuesday, 7th September — make a note of the date. The Snooker Championship presentation will also be a part of the ceremonies on that date.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S too, to Mick Polson — for a very different reason. Mick, on handing in his No. 1 Trainer's Licence to the A.J.C., was the unexpected recipient of Honorary Membership from the Jockey Club — an honour rarely bestowed. A well-merited honour indeed, and widely approved.

IT'S rarely indeed that this Magazine makes any note whatever of politics, but members will all join in their congratulations and good wishes to Murray Robson, now the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition in the State House.

NEWS of Adolph Basser and Committeeman Don Wilson. the Travellers are well, still thoroughly enjoying their English sojourn despite the wet and cold English summer. They expect to arrive back about 17th September, in ample time for the Melbourne Cup.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S to Harold Hill on his recent winning form at Bowls and good wishes for more successes!

BOWLING NOTES



Two More Wins

We continue on our merry and successful way, by recording two further victories again this month—Tatt's Bowlers are now looked on as quite a formidable team.

THE match against the Cricketers' Club was a closely contested one, but at the crucial stage Harold Hill's side turned on some fireworks, and recorded a "Five" on the eighteenth end, followed by a "Four." In this match that jovial personality John Kellaway made his debut for "Tatt's" and certainly made his presence felt.

Tattersall's 66, Cricketers' Club 50

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| C. Cook, N. Hough, J. Kellaway, H. Hill (Tatt's) | 26 |
| P. Carroll, Purell, H. Love, Les Fingleton (Ckts.) | 14 |
| A. Buckle, Ted Abbott, W. McDonald, J. O'Neill (Tatt's) . . | 21 |
| F. Buckle, A. Wells, A. Diamond, J. Benns (Ckts.) | 21 |
| J. McKendrick, E. A. Davis, C. Traversi, G. Booth (Tatt's) .. | 19 |
| S. McCabe, A. Wright, Medealf, C. Fox (Ckts.) | 15 |

Tattersall's 98, Commonwealth Bank 71

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| W. McDonald, A. Gillespie, Ken Ranger, A. Turner (Tatt's) . | 16 |
| A. Smith, F. Field, W. Walker, N. Loader (Bank) | 20 |
| A. Mitchell, F. Ahern, N. Jones, J. Monro (Tatt's) | 19 |
| J. Young, L. De-Saxe, W. Walker, M. James (Bank) | 20 |
| A. Buckle, A. Norton, J. Kellaway, C. Traversi (Tatt's) .. | 27 |
| E. Luke, J. Olfen, A. Martin, J. Chalmers (Bank) | 20 |
| J. McKendrick, I. Silk, C. M. Glynn, G. Booth (Tatt's) .. | 36 |
| G. Collins, R. Morgan, B. Ryan, A. Catto (Bank) | 11 |

The highlight in the match against the Commonwealth Bank was the superb bowling of Gordon Booth's rink; after conceding their opponents two on the first end, they went on to score the next seven ends, with three "Fives," two singles, and a four, giving them a lead of nineteen, which they steadily increased,

to win by a margin of twenty-five.

The Pairs Knockout Competition has advanced a stage further, and the three games played during the month were most interesting. Honours went to—

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| J. Saulwick and Sam Peters | 23 |
| Alan Turner and Len Plasto | 20 |
| Joe Harris and Les Fingleton | 20 |
| Tom McGrath and Bill McDonald | 13 |
| Bill Ditford and Ted Davis | 25 |
| Chas. Cohen and Fred Vockler | 20 |

Of the Social Pairs games during the month, one was outstanding—the Buckle-McKendrick v. Turner and Booth match was particularly interesting, and after a neck and neck tussle the scoreboard on the last end was 21 all, with Turner and Booth holding the shot and Alex Buckle with one bowl to go, and playing to a large gallery, Alex, after taking careful aim, shot down a wrong bias. Seasoned onlookers are still wondering.

Our next contest is against the Cinema Industry, and it is authoritatively learned that Geo. Webster has called in all his county representatives with any claim to fame as Bowlers to attend a conference, and a quiet work-out down Newport way.

★ Members! DINE and WINE IN YOUR CLUB

Dance Nights
Thursdays, 6.15 to
8.15 p.m.
SATURDAYS, 6.30
to 11 p.m.

in the friendly luxury of the well-appointed
Dining and Lounge Rooms

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| LUNCHEON (Monday to Friday) | 12 noon to 2 p.m. |
| DINNER (Monday to Friday) | 6 to 8 p.m. |
| DINNER (Saturday) | 6 to 8.30 p.m. |

Dining and Lounge Rooms - - 4th Floor

Results

GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

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|-------------------|-----------|------|-----------------|-----------|----|----|
| B. M. Lane | (Rec. 30) | beat | F. Vockler | (Rec. 20) | by | 13 |
| W. E. Askew | (Rec. 45) | " | A. V. Miller | (Rec. 32) | " | 13 |
| K. F. E. Fidden | (Rec. 35) | " | L. J. Haigh | (Rec. 40) | " | 22 |
| J. L. Pick | (Rec. 37) | " | G. Fienberg | (Rec. 30) | " | 50 |
| E. Lyons | (Rec. 45) | " | Dr. B. Williams | (Rec. 50) | " | 27 |
| J. Harris | (Rec. 47) | " | H. H. Robinson | (Rec. 50) | " | 37 |
| Sen. J. Armstrong | (Rec. 55) | " | T. M. McGrath | (Rec. 55) | " | 26 |
| R. F. Rattray | (Rec. 45) | " | F. J. Alderman | (Rec. 40) | " | 6 |
| B. M. Lane | (Rec. 30) | " | G. R. Bryden | (Rec. 32) | " | 36 |

QUARTER FINALS—SNOOKER

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|-------------|-----------|------|-------------------|-----------|----|----|
| J. Harris | (Rec. 47) | beat | J. L. Pick | (Rec. 37) | by | 22 |
| W. E. Askew | (Rec. 45) | " | R. F. Rattray | (Rec. 45) | " | 44 |
| E. Lyons | (Rec. 45) | " | K. F. E. Fidden | (Rec. 35) | " | 1 |
| B. M. Lane | (Rec. 30) | " | Sen. J. Armstrong | (Rec. 55) | " | 35 |

SEMI-FINALS—SNOOKER

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|------------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|----|---------------------|
| E. Lyons | (Rec. 45) | beat | W. E. Askew | (Rec. 45) | by | 2–0 (97/90, 105/72) |
| B. M. Lane | (Rec. 30) | " | J. Harris | (Rec. 47) | " | 2–0 (96/82, 86/79) |

PLAY OFF FOR THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE.

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| W. E. Askew | (Rec. 45) | beat | J. Harris | (Rec. 47) | by | 2–0 (93/85, 89/88) |
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FINAL — SNOOKER

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| E. Lyons | (Rec. 45) | beat | B. M. Lane | (Rec. 30) | by | 2–0 (92/84, 108/81) |
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GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

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| E. A. Westhoff | (Rec. 85) | beat | F. Vockler | (Scratch) | by | 54 |
| A. V. Miller | (Rec. 30) | " | F. E. Headlam | (Rec. 55) | " | 58 |
| K. Ranger | (Rec. 110) | " | N. R. Plomley | (Rec. 70) | " | 47 |
| J. A. Roles | (Rec. 105) | " | P. W. McGrath | (Rec. 110) | " | 95 |
| E. Lyons | (Rec. 70) | " | W. E. Tinkler | (Rec. 90) | " | 75 |
| A. J. Howarth | (Rec. 70) | " | E. A. Halcroft | (Rec. 105) | " | 3 |
| A. J. Chown | (Rec. 30) | " | W. G. Hutchinson | (Rec. 110) | " | 51 |
| L. H. Howarth | (Rec. 105) | " | J. R. O'Neill | (Rec. 80) | " | 24 |
| A. V. Miller | (Rec. 30) | " | G. R. Bryden | (Rec. 80) | " | 70 |
| E. A. Westhoff | (Rec. 85) | " | A. Turner | (Rec. 100) | " | 60 |
| K. Ranger | (Rec. 110) | " | Judge Holden | (Rec. 125) | " | 50 |

QUARTER FINALS—BILLIARDS

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|----------------|------------|------|--------------|------------|----|-----|
| A. J. Howarth | (Rec. 70) | beat | A. V. Miller | (Rec. 30) | by | 15 |
| K. Ranger | (Rec. 110) | " | E. Lyons | (Rec. 70) | " | 28 |
| L. H. Howarth | (Rec. 105) | " | J. A. Roles | (Rec. 105) | " | 72 |
| E. A. Westhoff | (Rec. 85) | " | A. J. Chown | (Rec. 30) | " | 114 |

SEMI-FINALS—BILLIARDS

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|----------------|------------|------|---------------|------------|----|----|
| K. Ranger | (Rec. 110) | beat | L. H. Howarth | (Rec. 105) | by | 20 |
| E. A. Westhoff | (Rec. 85) | " | A. J. Howarth | (Rec. 70) | " | 64 |

PLAY OFF FOR THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE.

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| L. H. Howarth | (Rec. 105) | beat | A. J. Howarth | (Rec. 70) | by | 41 |
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FINAL — BILLIARDS

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|-----------|------------|------|----------------|-----------|----|----|
| K. Ranger | (Rec. 110) | beat | E. A. Westhoff | (Rec. 85) | by | 60 |
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Ken Ranger Takes Billiards Honours

By beating E. A. Westhoff comfortably in the final, Ken Ranger achieved a most popular win in the Club's Grand Billiards Tournament. Ken receiving 110 points produced some really good billiards, and the result was never in doubt.

THREE is no doubt that Ken played far above his previous form in this series — maybe there has been some private "practice" more likely he is just having a streak of "ins". In the third round he had a most comfortable margin over N. Plomley when he won by 47 points—and some of the more knowledgeable followers of the tournaments started to tip him as a likely winner.

However, Ken was somewhat modest about his chances, and his margin against Mannie Lyons in the quarter finals dropped down to a mere 28 points. In the semi-final he met L. Howarth, receiving 105 points and the two kept on very even terms up to the last, when Ken came out on top to the tune of 20 points.

E. A. Westhoff had also been playing particularly well up to the finals. In the semi's, he had made short work of A. J. Howarth, romping away to win by 64 points, and he started in the finals with a slight edge in the favouritism. However, Ken was full of confidence — well-placed confidence, and he never looked in danger from the start.

It was a good series, this year — many excellent games, much enjoyment by players as well as spectators, and the Billiards Committee are to be congratulated on the smooth-running of the two tournaments.

The two Howarths — L. H. and A. J. — met in the play-off for 3rd and 4th, with L. H. Howarth the winner.

The trophies won at the tournaments will be presented at a Smoke Concert to be held on the First Floor on Tuesday, 7th September.



POPULAR SNOOKER WIN FOR MANNIE LYONS

If the Tournaments were remarkable for the comfortable wins by Ken Ranger in the Billiards, they are also remarkable for the tough struggle Mannie Lyons had to reach the final in the Snooker.

IN the quarter-final, Mannie was opposed to Ken Fidden, and after one of the most exciting games for years, Mannie won "on the black." The winning margin, was one point — and members can recall few games as full of thrills.

Having survived this crisis, Mannie evidently felt he could beat almost anyone; he took his games against W. E. Askew by two-to-nil, and had the same convincing win against B. M. Lane in the final played on 16th August.

His was a most popular win. Mannie confesses to more than the standard three-score years and ten; and he played steady,

heady snooker against much younger opponents — who will have their day later.

Mannie Lyons, from Victoria, is better known in the Victorian Club for his prowess on the billiards table, than he is here; it is reported that he has had some successes in the Melbourne club over the years. Apart from billiards, Mannie is a follower of all sports; a life-member of Carlton Football Club, a member of V.A.T.C. and V.R.C. He was, for a long while, Governor of Melbourne Hospital, and there are many charities who hold themselves indebted to him for his help and support.



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Swimming for 26 Years— and Still Going Strong

Swimming Club officials have reason to be happy over the results of the 1953/1954 season, and it is no wonder that veteran Honorary Secretary Jack Dexter wears that smile that won't come off when he reflects that after twenty-six years the Club is going better than ever.

AS the years roll by some of the older members find the pace a wee bit hot and drop out, but the influx of new members makes up the tally and the enthusiasm of all is a delight to witness.

During last season sixty-two members participated in the events, of which thirty-nine were swum.

All told, 259 heats and finals were swum, and as all of these are held between 1.15 and 1.30 p.m., it goes without saying that the officials running them have to know their jobs.

Handicapper John Gunton has the marks adjusting down to a fine art, and it is no wonder that there are continual demands for the installation of a camera at the finish.

The racing honours were well spread, as forty-three members won heats and twenty-seven finished first in division finals of straight out and brace relay handicaps. An average field of twenty-four competed in races throughout the season.

To Bob Harris went the honour of winning most heats with 21 victories, followed by John Dexter 18, Cuth Godhard 15, Arthur McCamley and H. Her-

man 13, Trevor Barrell and Malcolm Fuller 12, W. Williams and Ken Francis 11, Peter Lindsay and Fred Harvie 10, Harry Davis, Stu. Murray and Fred Daly 9.

But when it came to finals, Fred Harvie's record was best with seven firsts, to which was added three thirds. T. Barrell was next with six firsts, four seconds and one third. Then followed Fred Daly, 5, 2, 0; C. Godhard, 5, 3, 2; R. Harris, 4, 9, 5; J. O. Dexter, 4, 5, 6; W. Williams, 4, 4, 3; R. Corrick, 4, 0, 0; H. Herman, 3, 2, 7; P. Williams, 3, 1, 1; A. Stewart, 3, 1, 0.

M. Fuller, W. Kendall, T. M. Wayland, V. Thicknesse, W. Kirwan, G. Laforest and H. E. Davis all won two finals.

All in all, Bob Harris was first to the finish 25 times, with Dexter 22, Godhard 20, T. Barrell 18, Harvie 17, Herman 16, W. Williams 15, A. McCamley 14, Fuller 14, Daly 14, Francis 12.

Winners of the Monthly Point Scores were:—G. Laforest, T. Barrell (two), H. Herman, A. Stewart, R. Corrick, R. Harris, A. McCamley, C. Godhard. Trophies were presented by

Clive Hoole and Arthur McCamley.

The 1953-54 contest for the "Native Son" trophy, presented by Bill Kirwan, was won by Bob Harris, with John Dexter and Trevor Barrell in the places.

The Club Championship resulted in a win for Malcolm Fuller, with Geoff Laforest and John Dexter placed, and those three take the trophies presented by Alf. G. Collins.

To the donors of trophies the Swimming Club gives great thanks for their continued interest and they may be assured that the members' enthusiasm shows what they think of their good supporters.

With the 1953-1954 season completed the big item of interest between now and the start of the new season in October is the Swimming Club's Annual Ball on Saturday, 18th September in the Club Room.

There's no need to tell that this will be a wonderful show right up to the standard set in previous years.

The Swimming Club offers sincere sympathy to Tattersall's Club Committeeman Alf G. Collins over the sudden passing of his wife.

Glad to see Mick Murphy around again. Our popular friend had a long spell in hospital, but claims that he is feel-

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HANDBALL



Good Games in Amounis Trophy

Last month the competition for the "Amounis Trophy" was progressing rapidly. Unfortunately, some competitors have lost interest and, as a result, the event has slowed up. As this competition must finish quickly and the Committee does not want to allow "walk overs" to any competitors, the chaps are requested to co-operate by playing their games as soon as possible.

THE most outstanding contest was that between Bruce Partridge (scratch) and Peter Lindsay (10). Both are mighty hitters with good control and Bruce had to play his very best to win. Peter was slow to start and allowed his opponent to gain some early vital points, but when he settled down he played good handball and Bruce had to produce his very best to wear him down to win 41-38. Congratulations to both men for a good contest!

The next contest to provide a good game was between Fred Harvie (12) and Arthur McCamley (16). Fred won 41-35 but had to work hard to win. Neither man has been playing a great deal lately, but the form displayed was good. Level at 33, Arthur simply ran out of condition, and Fred went on to win a nice game. Good work, Fred!

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Geoff Eastment (18) defeated George McGilvray (scratch) after a mighty game. Full report next month!

John Dexter (10) won over Bob Adams (28), 41-38. Bob did very well to keep the score so close, because John is in such rare form at present that it would take a good player to defeat him. Well done, Bob!

Eddie Davis (scratch) was his usual smooth self in defeating Malcolm Fuller (22). Malcolm has made good progress with his game, and any player who concedes him 22 points in a game of 41 and defeats him must put up a mighty effort.

Several times it appeared as

though Malcolm would see the match through successfully, but Eddie would not be denied and won 41-37; a mighty effort.

Gordon Boulton (22) and Bill Kirwan (22) had a keen tussle which Gordon won 41-37. This was a very even game throughout, the scores fluctuating with Bill Kirwan fading at the finish to lose by 4 points.

Peter Williams (27) was untroubled to defeat Col Chatterton (26), 41-35. Peter was on top from the outset and won comfortably. This young man was the improved player of the month. Being of spare build with a smooth, quick playing action and good ball sense, he has not been extended in any of his games and is going to be very

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RESULTS: AMOUNIS TROPHY

TOP HALF:

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------|------|-------------|
| George McGilvray (scr.) | V. | Geoff Eastment | (18) | yet to play |
| Ken Francis (26) | defeated | Andy McGill | (20) | W.O. |
| John Dexter (10) | " | Bob Adams | (28) | 41-38 |
| Neil Barrell (29) | " | Lou Silk | (28) | 41-37 |

BOTTOM HALF:

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|------------------------|------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| Fred Harvie (12) | eliminated | Arthur McCamley | (16) | 41-35 |
| Peter Williams (27) | " | Col Chatterton | (26) | 41-35 |
| Cuth Godhard (28) | " | W. B. Phillips | (30) | W.O. |
| Gordon Boulton (22) | " | Bill Kirwan | (22) | 41-37 |
| E. E. Davis (scr.) | " | Malcolm Fuller | (22) | 41-37 |
| Bruce Partridge (scr.) | " | Peter Lindsay | (10) | 41-38 |
| Zaide Lazarus (15) | " | Geoff Laforest | (30) | 41-37 |

Horses . . . *Tennis and the Hero of Waterloo*

Sportsman Claude Parker enjoys friendships gained in varied career

A rolling stone may gather no moss—but there is no proverb to deny that a man with many interests and the capacity to enjoy life gathers a lot of friends. That is certainly true of our fellow-member, genial Claude Parker. You would not call him now a rolling stone, whatever he may have been in his earlier days; but while his interests are still liable to change, his friends stay the same through the years—a good criterion of a man's worth.

CLAUDE was born at Tingha, a little place not far from Inverell. His father was a sheepman in a fair way, and Claude often speculates what the old man would have been worth—if he had managed to survive the depressions and droughts that beset the grazier in the years after the turn of the century. In those days, a man with four thousand sheep was a pauper, or near to it; now he is a plutocrat.

It's a fair commentary on the times, that Parker Senior evidently considered that banking offered much more chance of fame and fortune than did sheepfarming—for he started Claude in the local branch of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, just as soon as he could take him from school. Claude served a prosaic and somewhat boring apprenticeship in the Bank at Inverell and Burren Junction, at Quirindi and

Tamworth. At Tamworth he came under old Ben Backhouse, a strict disciplinarian; he and Claude did not see exactly eye to eye, and Claude shook the dust of banking off his feet with a sigh of relief.

He started as an auctioneer and Stock and Station Agent at Tamworth, finding considerably more scope in that for his natural ebullience. He made plenty of friends but not much money—and in any case, the city was calling and he sold out to move down to Sydney.

In Sydney, he soon made friends with a group of young sportsmen. Claude played a first class game of tennis, he enjoyed football and swimming—in fact, there were few sports at which he could not make a fair showing. He and Jim Willard, lighteartedly made up a partnership to open the Olympic Sports Store in the Victoria Arcade, a venture that proved



reasonably successful. One of his particular friends too, was, Nick Winter, all round athlete and hop, step and jump champion, then newly returned from his win at the Olympic Games. Claude remembers the partnership with pleasure, but is prouder of his success with Winter at tennis than he is of the financial success of the Store."

Nick Winter, like Claude, was a class player; the two of them carried all before them in the Sydney Men's Doubles at White City in 1929, winning the final without dropping a set right through the tournament. Lady Davidson, wife of the Governor, presented the Cup; and Nick Winter told Claude out of the corner of his mouth as they went up to collect the trophy, that got more kick out of the local success than he had out of his win at the Games.

It was no disagreement with his friends that led Claude to sever his connections with the Store, but rather an itchiness to be away. Most of us have a wander-lust, rigorously suppressed by economic necessity—meaning mostly that we lack the courage to do what we want to. But Claude, quite undeterred

by the looming depression, shipped for England as a "super-cargo," with the excuse that he wanted to see his family's relatives at Nottingham.

From Nottingham he wandered off to sea again, and the following year saw him in a variety of places, including a town in British Columbia called Ocean Falls. Ashore for a "look-around," he made a remark or two about tennis to a local barber, and found himself committed to meet the unbeaten champion of the district at a challenge match, the following Saturday. There was a deal of home-town money to say that he would be beaten, and this was gleefully matched by his shipmates—not because they had much idea of Claude's tennis but just because no challenge should go unanswered. It was with considerable disquiet that Claude went ashore on the day, particularly as he knew his condition, after weeks of shipboard, was not all it should have been.

He determined to do or die—and quickly. The first set went to Claude, 6-2. His opponent, a tall Englishman named J. C. Long, played hard and steady tennis to take Claude to 10-8 in the second, Claude just managed to scrape the third set at 9-7 to save the day — another

point, and it would have been a case of die rather than do. As it was, he was stiff and sore for a fortnight.

Long was a surveyor, working for a lumber company. Claude joined the company and worked timber for a while; then he teamed up with Long on a fascinating surveying trip that took the two of them way up into the unmapped wilds of British Columbia's Northland—a trip he wouldn't have missed for worlds. But home was calling, and he arrived back in Sydney in 1933 — a little older, considerably more experienced, but still the same friendly, easy-going sportsman that he had been when he sailed four years before. Back with him he brought a love for badminton—a game he had learnt from J. C. Long in Canada; he was one of the prime movers in the introduction of the game to Australia.

Claude went to David Jones' soon after he got back, and opened their sports department in the George Street shop. He was content to stay with them until 1939, but then a very different interest claimed him. Working a hunch, he took over Woodstock Park, as a super riding school and guest-house.

Woodstock Park, near Rooty Hill, had been Jack King's train-

ing property, but had proved unsuitable in a number of ways. It was a pleasant place, and with Claude's friendly personality behind it, the guest house idea payed off well until the difficulties of the war years started to cut across it. Not the least of Woodstock Park's attractions for Claude was a small training track. He applied for a trainer's licence, and started to try his hand with one or two moderate performers. He had quite a few country successes — a filly named Lady Rainbow won for him in Orange.

Claude had become a member of Tattersall's in 1937, and it was a friendship formed in the Club that gave him his nearest bid for a real performer. Bill Longworth gave him a horse named Paul, a Midstream horse from Kia-ora Lass. Paul must have been born unlucky — he turned in five seconds all "good" seconds; but never a win. Biggest disappointment was to lose by a long neck at Randwick at a time when he carried quite a bit of stable money at long odds. The truth was that Claude, with very limited facilities, found it hard to get a horse to much better than good saddle-hack condition. But he had a lot of fun.

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One of the friends he made along the road — literally, because their meeting occurred when Claude gave him a "lift," was Sam Poolman. Sam was licensee of a small hotel called the "Hero of Waterloo;" the two friends, talking about this and that, got around to the delights of pub-keeping, and in a half-joking way Poolman said he would give Claude first-refusal if he gave up the hotel. The upshot was that Claude took over the hotel in 1946, and had eight happy years as mine host of one of Sydney's most interesting hosteries. The "Hero," actually the oldest hotel in Australia to have held a licence continuously, was built about 1810, and originally named "The Little Princess." Evidently something more robust and masculine was called for—Miller's Point was a tough district in those days; so when Wellington won at Waterloo, the House became the "Hero of Waterloo," as a graceful compliment to the Duke. Claude maintained his interest in racing — he and Clive Hoole raced Ambolo, to win a White Horse Cup at Newcastle. Claude made an ideal host: friendly, efficient and easy to get along with; he parted with the hotel with great reluctance early this year — it had one of the disabilities of

most city hotels, no yard space. And for a father with a growing family — Claude was now married and had two small sons —this was an insuperable drawback.

Claude's years at Woodstock Park had given him the idea that a spelling - establishment for racing thoroughbreds would be profitable. So he took over a fine old property at Pennant Hills called Erambie Park, and changed it into a sort of super-guesthouse for racehorses. Four-footed guests, as Claude often remarks, are much easier to please than two-footed guests, and by-and-large they are just as friendly and intelligent. The only lack is conversation.

Claude farms Erambie Park to the best effect. The property grows much of its own oats, and pastures have been improved to give the best of fare for the guests. The results of rest under ideal conditions have sometimes been spectacular — a striking example is Silver Phantom, who broke a sesamoid bone in his near foreleg during the running of the Final Handicap at Randwick on April 24th. The leg was set in plaster, and has been continually treated under the direction of trainer Jack Green since the horse has been spelled at Erambie. Now it is hoped that

Silver Phantom will stand preparation for the spring racing — a most unusual recovery.

The Parkers have had other distinguished guests. Karendi was there for a while before the Stradbroke; now, the most promising is a full-brother to Shannon just being broken-in as a two-year-old. Claude predicts that the colt will have a spectacular future.

Claude Parker thoroughly enjoys farming; so do his two small sons,—and so, fortunately, does Mrs. Parker. They are near enough to Sydney to have all the amenities of the city, yet far enough out to be able to enjoy all the pleasures of the countryside. Claude pays the penalty of a man with many friends — he finds that he has no lack of visitors. He can come easily to the Club, get easily to Randwick or Warwick Farm or Rosehill; and for sport, apart from looking after thoroughbreds, he has not far to go to enjoy shooting at clays — he is one of the States' best gunshots. Altogether, it seems such an ideal life that one would expect a man to stay with it; but Claude still has a little itchiness in his feet, and maybe other ventures in his mind. And, whatever they are, you may be sure that he will have a host of friends to wish him well with them.



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Lyndhurst Stud's Illustrious Line

Lyndhurst thoroughbred stud on the Darling Downs, in South-west Queensland, may not be a showplace, but its record for producing champion racehorses is probably unequalled in Australia.

EVERYTHING on Lyndhurst is strictly for utility. Every piece of equipment was designed to get results by the most efficient means, and never mind about looks. That these methods cannot be faulted is proved by the impressive Lyndhurst record covering more than forty years of breeding consistent race-winners.

The stud is ideally situated. Three miles from Warwick, it has a three-mile frontage to the once deep and swiftly-flowing Condamine River, and nestles between hills. Its 1,400 acres are mostly fertile flats. Lyndhurst was self-contained from the outset. The big comfortable homestead was built by the original holder of the property, Sir Ralph Gore, of sandstone

blocks from the Summer Hill Ridge, on the property. Even the out-buildings were of local sandstone. Timber, too, was obtained on the property.

This thoroughbred nursery, now controlled by Mr. John G. McDougall, has been in the family since 1875, when Mr. M. W. McDougall, father of the present controller, bought the property.

John McDougall and his brother, the late Charles E. McDougall, grew up on Lyndhurst. They first specialised in cattle breeding with great success until 1887, when three years after their father's death, they founded a thoroughbred stud on the property.

The new stud was to have a profound effect on Australian bloodstock, particularly from

1905 on. For 40 years, every champion bred from Lyndhurst sires and dams has had those factors that made the thoroughbred great — breeding, growth, quality, and, above all, galloping ability.

John McDougall believes that to produce a successful racehorse, it is necessary to:

- (a) Inbreed to a sound and successful maternal strain. For this strain he chose progeny of an English mare, Illuminata.

- (b) Outcross to proved sire lines of different descent to offset any inbreeding effects.

Following this system of breeding, Lyndhurst products have won in all parts of Australia and in New Zealand, where The Buzzer won the Auckland Cup. They have been equally successful in speed and stamina events.

From its establishment in 1887 to 1900, Lyndhurst con-

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centrated on Australian-bred sires. Outstanding success came in 1905, when Lyndhurst secured from England the five-year-old Ladurlad, son of Derby winner Ladas, from Illuminata. Illuminata strains became the mainstay of Lyndhurst breeding plans. From then on, the stud has had only English sires.

In choosing Illuminata, John McDougall picked a mare which was to affect bloodstock breeding throughout the world. Some of the greatest racehorses and sires in history trace their ancestry back to Illuminata. They include Heroic, who won £38,062 in stakes and sired winners of £293,849. Many of Heroic's sons carried on his line.

Other Illuminata progeny included Magpie (imp.), who sired Windbag and other noted sprinters and stayers; Law Maker (imp.), sire of Lawrence and Counsel; Ocean Swell, winner of the English Derby; Traquair (imp.), sire of Woorak and Night Raid, who sired the mighty Phar Lap and Melbourne Cup winner Nightmareh.

English sires who followed Ladurlad to Lyndhurst were:—

Syce, ch. h., by Cyllene-Sky-scraper.

Chantemerle, ch. h., by Polymelus-Amphoraria.

Seremond, b. or br. h., by Desmond-Serenata.

High Force, b. h., by Tracery-Vaucluse.

The Buzzard, b. h., by Spion Kop-Valescure.

Fox-Earth, br. h., by Foxlaw-Wireless.

Jolly Roger, br. h., by Blue Peter-Sonsie Qench.

Parhelion, br. h., by Midday Sun-Jiffy.

Of these, five are descended from Illuminata. They are Syce, High Force, The Buzzard, Jolly Roger and Parhelion. The last two represent the final stages of McDougall's "Illuminata" plan. Both will be mated with mares carrying several Illuminata strains.

Lyndhurst horses have sired winners of more than £800,000. The Buzzard, that great sire who died in 1952, tops the list with winners of £477,000. The Buzzard was the greatest sire of stake-winners in the history of Australian racing. He was of the line of the great Carbine.

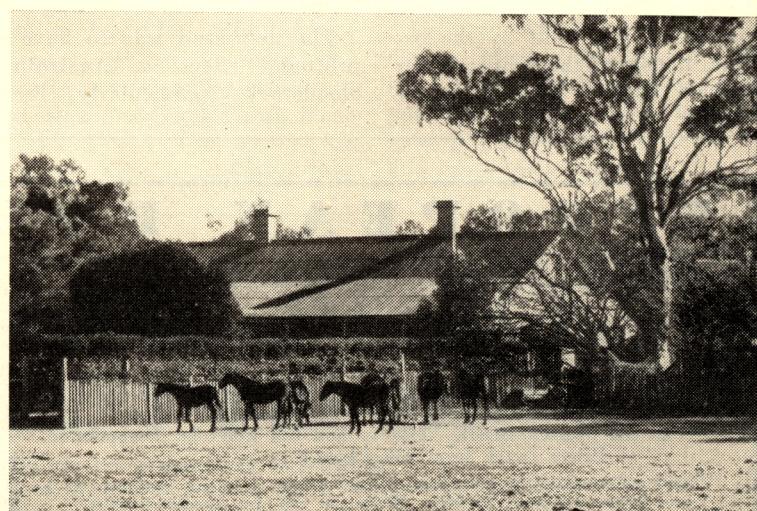
Next to The Buzzard came Seremond (imp.) with winners of £218,350. Had Syce and High Force not died prematurely—they had only five years in Australia—they would certainly have been well into the six figures as sires of winners. As it was, Syce sired winners of £82,538, and High Force £72,391.

It is worth noting that The

Buzzard, Jolly Roger and Parhelion were each sired by an English Derby winner—The Buzzard by Spion Kop, Jolly Roger by Blue Peter, and Parhelion by Midday Sun. Parhelion is also half-brother to an English Derby winner, Ocean Swell.

Successor to The Buzzard at Lyndhurst is the stallion Boxwood. This horse is a strong, robust-looking individual, and has a pedigree which should commend itself to any student of the trends of modern breeding. He was bred by Mr. "Jim" Joel, son of that great breeder and sportsman, the late Jack Barnato Joel, who won the Derby with Humorist and Sunstar. Boxwood is by a Derby winner out of a One Thousand Guineas winner and so may be regarded as a true-blue classic product.

Boxwood's sire, Bois Roussel, at the end of 1953, had sired winners of 297 races valued at £208,069. They included the Eclipse and Champion Stakes



The comfortable homestead at Lyndhurst stands in the shade of pleasant trees and shrubs.

(Photo, courtesy "The Sun.")

winner, Migoli; the St. Leger winner Tehran; Swallow Tail, Royal Forest, and many more notable winners. From the beginning he scored good marks from breeders by getting five two-year-old winners in his first season. There is no doubt about his being a first-class winner-getter, and his stock sells readily. Trainers sometimes fault his stock because they have his unlovely hocks, but most of his colts and fillies know how to use them. Incidentally, Boxwood has as straight a pair of hindlegs as one could wish to see and is altogether a very comely horse. He is very big, well made, and has the usual quality endowed by Bois Roussel, whom he favours.

Bois Roussel stock, on the whole, conforms to the essentially modern requirement of being "tough." There is also in his pedigree an element which may have provided what we are pleased to call an element of "rough" blood which well may be an asset. However, there is nothing of that nature on the maternal side of Boxwood's pedigree. Here there is nothing but fine breeding undisturbed by any suggestion of "rough" blood. Boxwood's dam, Picture Play, was bred by Mr. Joel in 1941 and is a bay mare by the imported Donatello (Swynford male line) out of Amuse, by Phalaris. Donatello sired first-class winners like Alycidon and Supertello, both of whom won the Ascot Gold Cup. In his own country, Italy, he won the Italian Derby, the Gran Premo of Milan, and other Italian classics. He was a very good racehorse, and his daughter, Picture Play, went like the wind as a two-year-old, winning two of her four starts. At three years she won the One Thousand Guineas, but failed to stay the distance of the Oaks.

A grand looking filly, she was full of quality and was a very nice mover; her limitation was that she did not stay beyond a mile. After The Oaks she was retired to the stud, where she bred in succession the winners Full Hand, Red Shoes, Queen of Light, and then Boxwood.

The essential elements in the pedigree of Boxwood appear to conform to the very old-fashioned recipe of "stamina on top and speed below." He introduces high-class blood to this country and there is every prospect that he will prove an asset to his new owner and to Lyndhurst Stud.

The natural conditions under which stock are matured at Lyndhurst mean strength of bone and soundness of feet through climbing the stony ridges of Summer Hill. Lyndhurst thoroughbreds exhibit quality and condition from their grazing and the supplementary foods grown on the rich Darling Downs pastures. Stallions' quarters and spacious yards where the yearlings undergo their final preparation for the annual sales, adjoin the homestead, where the horses can be quickly given individual attention at any time of the day or night. Practical efficiency is the watchword and all the essentials which go to make a successful stud have been arranged on labour-saving lines.

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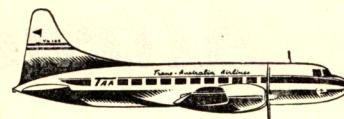
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THE march of time has brought in four days racing a year at Randwick for Tattersall's Club, and has increased its prize-money for one meeting alone to the £9,000 mark.

Tattersall's Club has long enjoyed the distinction of providing the big sprint of the year in N.S.W., and its Carrington Stakes contest has always attracted the best performers of

their day. The history of the race fairly bristles with champions, and when the names of Greenline, Valicare, Closing Time, Balarang, Ready Aye Ready, Aries and Colugo are cited from among past winners, you have the last word in speed. Greenline won it twice with 9.13 and 10.5.

Like the Chelmsford Stakes and other Tattersall's events, Tattersall's Cup has attracted great horses all through its history. In 1860 the mighty Archer was a contestant, not then ready, but he afterwards won the first two Melbourne Cups of 1861 and 1862. And so quality has been attracted by the Club's events ever since.

Poitrel was undoubtedly the best stayer who ever won a Tattersall's Cup. He succeeded with 7.11 in 1918, and less than two years later won the Melbourne Cup with 10st. on his back.

Back in its early history Tattersall's Cup was a two mile event. What a trying contest it must have been on many occasions with the thermometer soaring, but they didn't bustle so in those days, and casually took their 3.30 to 3.40 to run the long journey. Quiver, who dead-heated in a famous Cham-

pion Stakes at the end of three miles, won Tatt's Cup in 1896. What a mixer Sir William, the 1890 winner, must have been. Three months after winning that two miler, he won the Doncaster of one mile.

Long Tom, who went to England afterwards and won there —Son of the Marsh, a famous importation of Wm. Kelso's; The Fortune Hunter, who soon afterwards won a Sydney Cup; Wedding Day, who put up record time (2.30½) for 1½ miles; and imported Tom McCarthy, were other noted winners, while in recent years successive victory by Tibbie in 1927 and 1928, and by Jeypore in 1930 and 1931 imprinted their names indelibly on the scroll of fame.

Looking back, you come across Lord Orville, who won in 1882 with 6st. 2lb., and Drum Major, who won a Tatt's Cup with 5st. 12lb. The limit has been raised, and one wonders where the jockeys would come from to ride at these weights if they prevailed to-day. The A.J.C. would have to drop the permit age for race riding by apprentices to allow of such a possibility, but no doubt it would not be difficult to find the right youngsters. You see them riding work on the tracks at about 4st. 7lbs. sometimes, but until they're old enough they can't ride in races, no matter how capable they might be.

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CRICKET

SWIFTNESS of air transport in bringing reinforcements from England will be one of Len Hutton's main consolations during the Australian tour as he nurses half a dozen players of doubtful fitness.

There is a growing feeling in England that the M.C.C. selectors had this point in mind when they named such obvious "risks" as McConnon, Appleyard, Statham and Loader among the 17 for the tour.

McConnon, who is the only authentic spinner in the party, has had chronic knee trouble since he played Soccer with Aston Villa some years ago.

Last December he had to be sent home from the Commonwealth team's Indian tour.

Appleyard, who may well be the key man in England's Test attack, has yet to prove that he is able to stand up to the five-day strain of Test cricket.

Chairman of the selection committee, Mr. Harry Altham, has said that the selectors checked every possible source of information on Appleyard's health and are perfectly satisfied about him.

But Hutton knows it would be imprudent to place too great a strain on a man, who a year ago, had a lung operation for tuberculosis.

The much vaunted fast attack rests on three men whose physique does not match their ambitions.

Statham has added a few pounds in weight around the hips, but both he and Loader are still below 12 stone.

Statham has to be carefully nursed by Lancashire, and during the West Indies tour early this year, played only five games.

Loader, a skinny 24-year-old, with a 25-yard run, has not even Statham's pace and looks more impressive when he slows down to something near Bedser's.

Frank Tyson who is undoubtedly fast, has a query against him because of frequent break-downs in the past.

He runs 30 yards to bowl every ball with a leaping action that may cause him trouble on Australian grounds.

Bedser says he has not had enough work this summer to get him properly into form.

But at 36, making his third trip to Australia, there are doubts whether the big fellow will be more than just a good stock bowler this time.

Denis Compton, who has been fighting against the handicap of a bad knee since 1950, now

is carrying a considerable increase in weight which might be a problem in Australia.

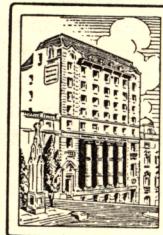
Now 38, Hutton has to hide himself in the field for he can no longer bend with quick easiness of other days and the strain of captaincy on the testing Australian tour could easily bring a recurrence of his shoulder neuritis.

TENNIS

THIS year's Wimbledon has given us confidence to believe that Australia should retain the Davis Cup. Wimbledon also indicated that there is only a slight chance that any other country but America will meet Australia in the challenge round next December.

Long range forecast — especially in tennis — often are wide of the mark but it seems

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to me at this stage, that the worst that could happen to Australia in this year's Davis Cup would be to lose two matches of the five. We could have even a 4-1 margin at the end.

Wimbledon left the Australian selectors in the happy position of having a ready-made four-man team for the Davis Cup challenge round. It seems certain that Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad will play the singles while Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose will pair in the doubles.

On the other hand the American selectors are in an unenviable position. They must build a team around Tony Trabert and no new blood is likely to be developed in the next few months.

It seems that veteran Vic Seixas will make the team as a

partner for Trabert in the doubles at least. But who will be the others to make the trip is a question which will cause many a headache to the US selectors. Budge Patty could be one of them and Dick Savitt is a possibility.

Whoever America's second string singles player turns out to be has the job ahead of him to beat either Hoad or Rosewall. Both the Australians would be odds-on to beat Vic Seixas if he plays in the singles. And they both would be favorite to beat either Patty or Savitt.

Trabert is such a great player on his day that he could win both his singles against the Australian boys. But Hoad has proved his ability to beat Trabert and could do so again.

Trabert appeared formerly to have the edge on Ken Rosewall but this is not certain now after the Australian's defeat of the American in the Wimbledon semi-final. A win over Trabert by either Hoad or Rosewall in the singles probably would mean the Davis Cup staying in this country for another year.

Australia must be conceded an excellent chance of taking the doubles after Rose and Hartwig's defeat of Trabert and Seixas 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the Wimbledon final.

Rose and Hartwig, who also are holders of the Australian and American doubles titles, are a strong combination though their Wimbledon win may not have been conclusive enough to make them "certainties" to beat the Americans in the Davis Cup. Trabert and Seixas are capable of beating any doubles pair in the world, but at this stage, Australia could be conceded a slight edge in the challenge round.

But that's enough of what might happen. Let's have a look at what did happen at Wimbledon last month.

Ken Rosewall's form was most encouraging and he may have been a little unlucky when beaten by Drobny in the thrilling Wimbledon final. The luck went against him at several vital stages and he needed fortune on his side against a player of Drobny's calibre. The latter has proved a stumbling block to many champions at Wimbledon in recent years.

Rosewall's first service appears to have improved and is more accurate and more consistent. His ground strokes are still the best in the world and he seems certain to win one singles, at least, in the Cup.

Most disquieting feature of the Wimbledon was the failure of Lewis Hoad who at this stage, is well below the form he showed last year in the challenge round.

Many players have a habit of striking form at the same time each year and perhaps Hoad is a "Christmas player" — which is a good thing for Australia as the Cup is played at that time.

Just before Wimbledon, Hoad won the Queen's Club tournament but then was eliminated from the Wimbledon tournament by the ultimate winner, Drobny.

But the young Australian was not impressive in the doubles when he and Ken Rosewall were beaten in the semi-final by Trabert and Sexias. And then in the mixed doubles Hoad, though partnered by the world's best woman player, "Mo" Connolly, was beaten by Ken Rosewall and Mrs. W. Dupont of the US.

Hoad certainly is not at his best but he probably will be back to top form soon. He looks

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certain to win one; and possibly both of his singles in the Davis Cup.

For some unknown reason selectors have avoided using Rose in Davis Cup series since 1951 when he failed in the challenge round. But he and Hartwig have proved an outstanding doubles pair and it seems certain they will represent Australia this summer.

A terrific amount of pressure will be taken of Hoad and Rosewall by the knowledge that their part in the Davis Cup will be confined only to the singles. There's no reason at all why they should be asked to play in the doubles with such a combination as Rose and Hartwig available.

Last year the selectors made a hash of their job when they called on Hartwig, at short notice, to pair with Hoad in the Cup double. They were beaten easily. I think the selectors this year should announce early that Rose and Hartwig will be Australia's doubles pair. Don't keep them in suspense. Sometimes it might be best from a psychological angle to withhold the names of the doubles pair until the last possible hour, but this position does not obtain this year. The Americans are not likely to feel any more confident if they know early that our doubles pair will be Rose and Hartwig.

Another strong point in favor of Australia is that there is a strong reserve of players to draw upon should one of the selected team be prevented from playing because of sickness or injury.

Even if Hoad had to withdraw either Hartwig or Rose could take his place in the singles with a good chance of winning one of their matches. But just think of America if

any thing happened to Tony Trabert while on tour.

It will be interesting in the next couple of months to watch the American scene. The American national title at Forest Hills this month could bring Tony Trabert right back into the limelight. A win for him would boost the USA's Cup chance.

ATHLETICS

ONE of the most intriguing studies ever made of the art of record-breaking in all sports was completed in 1934 by Brutus Hamilton of the University of California, and later the head coach of the US Olympic team. Hamilton drew up a list of "perfect" records and called it "The Ultimate in Human Effort."

Sportsman of 20 years ago described ultimates as fantastic and beyond the scope of any athlete. But today Hamilton's estimates appear conservative.

Of the 26 "perfect" records only seven have survived and four of these are in sprint events, where room for improvement is limited.

The fact that so many of these so called "fantastic" times have been smashed spotlights the principal obstacle to record breaking — the psychological factor.

Perhaps the most outstanding example of the psychological factor involved in record-breaking was the bogey of the four-minute-mile.

For more than 25 years

runners dreamed of the four-minute-mile until it became a nightmare. They tried and failed so repeatedly that they became scared of it. Such a run seemed impossible.

In 1945 the Swede, Gundar Haegg, ran the distance in 4.01½ after which he insisted the four-minute-mile could be done.

"But the man who does it cannot be psychologically tied down. He mustn't be frightened," said Haegg.

But still athletes tried and tried until England's Roger Bannister exploded the bogey for all time by "clocking" 3.59.4. Now there was nothing to be frightened of—it could be done.

Then Australia's John Landy shattered the four-minute barrier with an electrifying run of 3.58. With the psychological obstacle no longer existing it will not surprise if four-minute runs and better become comparatively commonplace.

Swimmers also faced a bogey when Johnny Weissmuller dashed over 100 yards in 51 seconds in 1927 to set a world record. This time defied all attacks on it until 1944 when Alan Ford, of Yale University broke through the barrier. The 51 seconds is smashed regularly today.

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ September, 1933

THE first days of September, 1933, saw the end of that year's billiards and snooker tournaments in the Club—they played them a week or two later, back in those far-off days, than we do now. Winner in the billiards was George Watson; and in the snooker, Arthur Miller. Playing under the pseudonym of "Oral," Arthur took no risks against Hans Robertson, and won by two straight games. It was evidently Arthur Miller's "year"—the previous month he had dead-heated in the Club's Golf Championship with J. L. Normoyle.

ANOTHER big event was decided in September, 1933—the year's doubles in the dominoes. Percy Hunter and A. C. Block were installed as favourites, but that did not dismay their opponents, Teddy Clark and Charles Hall. The Hunter-Block combination took the first heat, but Clark and Hall drew level by winning the second. The last and deciding game fluctuated from one pair to the other—but the favourites managed to pull off a win. Who ever suggested that the venerable game lacked excitement?

EVEN with billiards and snooker, dominoes, the inter-club games—members still found time to complete the handball tournament. When handicaps were adjusted, Pat Hernon turned out the winner, but the hero of the series was probably G. S. Williams, who acted as handicapper, referee, and who donated the trophy. Much of the success of handball in the Club was due to his enthusiasm. The magazine of September, 1933, makes particular mention of an old friend as the "most improved handballer of the month—Sam Block."

In the inter-Club games we met the Royal Automobile Club in September, 1933, and managed to win all the games—an unusual clean-sweep. In points, we were tied for the lead with Masonic.

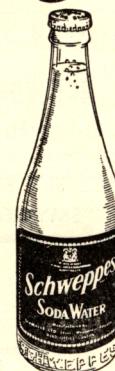
IN September, 1933, there were, of course, other activities in the Club apart from all the enthusiasm devoted to the sporting side. The new dining room on the fourth floor was officially "opened," although it had been functioning for a few weeks before. The first dinner-and-dance in the new room was on September 15th. Reciprocal arrangements were completed between ourselves and the New York Athletic. And the Club's Spring Meeting, September 10th, showed the new upward trend in attendances and takings.

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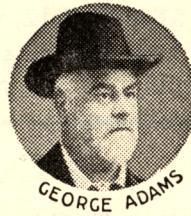
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- *Australian Jockey Club Sat. 2
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OCTOBER (Continued)

- *Australian Jockey Club Sat. 9
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Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 23
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 30

NOVEMBER

- Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 13
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 17

NOVEMBER (Continued)

- A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 20
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 27
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 11
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 18
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 22
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 27
*(Summer Meeting)

DECEMBER

SWIMMING NOTES

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ing better now than for a very long time.

A new member for next season is Arthur Allsop, who lost no time after his election as a member of the Club by appearing in the Pool. Arthur was a good performer not so long ago at Bondi, and retains much of his old sprinting form. Not so long ago he was identified in a fine surf rescue at North Bondi whilst indulging in a before-breakfast dip.

News of the splendid Empire Games victories by Jon Henricks and Gary Chapman are of particular interest to Club members, as both have done a good amount of training in our Pool.

A couple of seasons ago, as members of the A.S.A. training group kindly allowed by the Club Committee to train during the winter in our Pool, these lads started on the road to fame and, both before his successful trip to Japan last season and prior to the Empire Games, Henricks did a considerable amount of training in the Pool.

On several occasions he has given exhibitions for our members and on each occasion he was introduced by Jack Dexter as the fastest swimmer in the world and this was more than borne out by his victory over 110 yards at the Empire Games, followed by his 56.1 seconds effort for 110 metres at Culver City, U.S.A. For a long course swim (50 metres laps) this beat the American and World's rec-

ords of 56.4 secs. Better times have been recorded, but in 25 metre laps, giving the advantage of three turns to one.

It is worth recording, too, that Cyrus Weld, son of one of our members, did some training in the Pool before placing second in fine time in the Empire Games 110 yards, being in the winning 330 yards Medley team and third in the 110 yards Back-stroke.

Another member of the 330 yards Medley team and of the winning 880 yards team, Dave Hawkins, spent a lot of his basic training time in our Pool before going to the last Olympic Games and then to study in America.

Tattersall's Club feels a personal pride and interest in the achievements of these young men who are enthusiastic over the help the Club has always given them.

HANDBALL NOTES

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hard to beat in this competition. He covers the court very well, and can use both hands if necessary. All he needs is keenness, and a little more patience in waiting for the ball to hit for winners.

PERSONAL

Congratulations to John Dexter, senior, who celebrated his birthday in the Club on the last concert night. Several parties from the Third Floor who were in attendance gathered around John's table to wish him well and help him "cut the cake."

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Amongst those assembled were: Peter and May Lindsay, Harry and Hilda Davis, Stewart and June Murray, Fred and Flo Manhood, John and Leah Shaffran, Geoff and Rhona Eastment, Arthur and Linda McCamley. The highlight of the evening was John Shaffran's conquest of radio personality Babs MacKinnon. However, any man who can afford "Cordon Rouge" champagne should be able to make a conquest now and then.

Also on the same night, a party who enjoyed themselves immensely was Wally Hutchinson and his wife, with their attractive young daughter, Janice.

Temperament plays a big part in sporting events. The other day during the last few holes of a 36 hole knockout competition final, the younger of two men approaching the 35th hole was "Dormie Two." His tee shot found a bunker and his opponent quickly seized the opportunity to win the hole with a par three.

Playing the 36th par five, both were on the green with their third shot. The senior man had first putt from about 12 to 14 feet and, making no mistake, secured a birdie. His opponent missed and the match was squared. The game then went to the 37th. The younger man was well on the green with his second shot, with his opponent short by about 30 yards. It looked as though the game was over until our friend from 30 yards out put his chip shot in the hole for three and another birdie. His opponent missed the putt and so lost the match.

The reason for reporting this incident: The man who displayed such fine golfing temperament was none other than our good Club member, Mr. Justice Heron. Congratulations, Les!

The members of the Third Floor extend to Alf Collins and his son, Des, sincerest sympathy for their recent sad bereavement.

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